

**PREDICTED
NEWARK FIRE**

Antoine Deutsch of Passaic,
N. J., Arrested by the
U. S. Authorities

**MADE STATEMENT
IN A RESTAURANT**

He Said That Plant Would
Be Blown Up or
Burned

Paterson, N. J., Jan. 30.—Charged by the federal authorities with having publicly predicted in a restaurant last Wednesday that the Submarine Boat Construction plant at Newark would be blown up or burned, Antoine Deutsch, a machinist employed at a Passaic shop, has been arrested. A fire caused \$10,000, 600 worth of damage to docks and warehouses of the plant Saturday.

HELD AS ALIEN ENEMY.

George Boden Arrested on Presidential
Warrant at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Jan. 30.—George Boden, for the last two years in charge of the foreign exchange department of a large San Francisco bank, was arrested on a presidential warrant yesterday and interned as a dangerous alien enemy, federal officials announced.

Documents which the authorities contended showed that Boden had been Pacific coast representative of the German Imperial bank of Berlin were seized. Authorities declare that Boden was ordered out of Japan in February, 1915, when he was the representative of the Deutsche-Asiatische bank, on a charge of conveying valuable military information to Berlin.

The arrest, federal officials believe, will result in the scotching of Germany's alleged financial system in the United States and Japan, which has been maintained in spite of the war. For nearly three years, federal authorities said, Boden has received \$500 a month from the German Imperial bank for activities here. These activities, they asserted, did not consist alone of financial transactions. While in Japan, it was alleged, he carried on German propaganda through two newspapers he controlled and also had secured subscriptions in Japan and the United States to Germany's several war loans.

**ANOTHER SMASH
BY ITALIANS**

Captured Large Bit of Territory and
1,500 Men—Great Havoc Among
the Enemy.

Italian Army Headquarters in North-east Italy, Tuesday, Jan. 29. (By Associated Press).—The Italian troops struck the enemy another hard blow yesterday in the mountain region west of the Brenna river. The action lasted throughout the day, the Italians advancing along the whole stretch from the Brenna to Asiago and capturing 1,500, including 60 officers. War material also was taken and havoc spread among the enemy.

**INDECISIVE BATTLES
FOUGHT IN THE AIR**

When German Raiders Tried for the
Second Night in Succession to
Reach London.

In last night's air raid bombs were dropped in Kent and Essex. There were several aerial engagements. All the British machines returned safely. The raiders failed to reach the heart of London.

SMALL RAID FAILED.

Germans Tried It Against French at
Schoenholz.

Paris, Jan. 30.—The French war office announcement last night was as follows: "An small enemy attempt against our small posts at Schoenholz completely failed; the enemy left prisoners in our hands. There was an intermittent cannonade on the rest of the front."

"Eastern Theatre, Jan. 28.—British troops carried out a successful raid on a small Bulgarian post east of Lake Thracian. There were artillery action on the right bank of the Cerna and north of Monastir."

"Allied aviators bombed enemy establishments in the region of Drama and the Vardar valley."

**KAISER TURNING
TOWARD PEACE?**

Reported to Be in Sympathy with a
Movement for Peace By Agree-
ment.

Rotterdam, Jan. 30.—Emperor William is in sympathy with a movement for peace by agreement, according to Prof. Delbrueck of the University of Berlin, as quoted in an interview with the Berlin correspondent of a Rotterdam paper.

**BRITISH TORPEDO
GUNBOAT SUNK**

Vessel Went Down in Collision in the
English Channel and Three
Men Were Lost.

London, Jan. 30.—The British torpedo gunboat Hazard was sunk in the English channel Monday as the result of a collision. Three men were lost.

TO STOP BREWING.

Great German Industry Reported to Be
Threatened.

Zurich, Jan. 30.—The General Gazette for the breweries says the supply of barley for German breweries will be stopped, bringing the whole brewing industry to a standstill. This is due to the bad harvest of oats, necessitating the use of barley for fodder for army horses.

**ITALIANS CAPTURED
MORE THAN 1,500 MEN.**

Notwithstanding the fact that deep snow still covers the ground, the Italians have carried out successfully a spectacular drive against the Austro-German lines in the mountain region of northern Italy and captured strong positions and more than 1,500 men.

The blow was delivered on the Asiago plateau sector, and the enemy positions penetrated were tenaciously held, despite strong counter-attacks, in which the Austro-Germans were repulsed with heavy casualties. The Berlin war office in admitting the reverse to the Teutonic allied line, asserts that the Italians repeatedly tried to bring up reinforcements to widen the breaches they have made in the enemy front, but that their efforts failed and that 360 Italians were made prisoner.

That airplanes aided materially in the fighting, full details of which have not yet been received, is indicated in the Italian official communication, which asserts that during the progress of the battle the enemy lost 21 aircraft. The victory of the Italians at this particular point is of considerable significance, because of the fact that lately, since the enemy's strong attempts to break through from the hill region to the Venetian plain failed around Monte Tomba and sectors west, the Austro-Germans have been bringing up reinforcements in the Asiago district preparatory to a further series of attacks to reach the lowlands around Bassano and Vicenza.

**AMERICANS KILLED
BY TEUTON BOMBS**

William Platt and Richard Cutts Fair-
field, Members of British Ambulance
Service in Italy, Went Into Dan-
ger Zone to Give Aid.

Italian Army Headquarters in North-east Europe, Tuesday, Jan. 29. (By Associated Press).—William Platt and Richard Cutts Fairfield, Americans attached to the British Red Cross ambulance service, were killed at Mestre Sunday night by bombs dropped by German raiders. They were at a camp out of range of the raid, but on hearing of it they hurried to the scene on motorcycles to give aid.

Fairfield was a Harvard Freshman. Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 30.—Richard Cutts Fairfield, who was killed in Italy during an enemy air raid, was the 18-year-old son of Mrs. James C. Barn of New York. He entered Harvard last fall and soon afterward joined the British ambulance corps.

Platt was from Baltimore. Baltimore, Jan. 30.—William Platt, who was killed in Italy, was the son of the late William D. Platt of Baltimore. He was 20 years old.

**GERMAN STRIKES
STILL KEEP UP**

But Rotterdam Correspondent of a Lon-
don Newspaper Warns Against
Exaggerated Idea of Their
Size and Importance.

London, Jan. 30.—Some newspapers print dispatches from Holland and Switzerland, representing the strikes in Germany as being on a great scale. The Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily News warns against an exaggerated idea of their size and importance.

LONG TIE-UP EXPECTED.

Freight Congestion Will Not Be Cleared
Till Into March.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 30.—Freight congestion on eastern railroads probably cannot be cleared up before the middle or latter part of March, railroad administration officials announced last night. Bad weather this week has provided the culminating misfortune on which is based the conviction that it will take at least six weeks to set traffic moving normally through rail arteries.

Even without the expected thaw, which may send rivers flooding above their banks, officials say recovery from the unprecedented period of blizzard weather would be slow. Floods would make conditions far worse. Preparations have been made to fight high waters which have already developed in the mountains of Virginia; West Virginia and Kentucky with serious consequences to coal production and transportation.

**DRAFT AGREEMENT
READY TO SIGN**

Has Been Accepted By United States,
Great Britain and Canada.

Washington, Jan. 30.—An agreement between the United States and Great Britain and Canada on terms of separate conscription conventions, which only await the signatures of representatives of the governments concerned, was announced today by Secretary Lansing.

The conventions give the citizens of each country the option of returning to their own country for military service within a fixed period, after which they would be subject to military duty under the laws of the country in which they reside. It would also permit each country to exempt nations from military service if deemed necessary.

LUTSK CAPTURED.

Ukrainian Army Is Reported to Have
Taken Possession.

Geneva, Jan. 30.—After three days' fighting, the Ukrainian Bada's troops have defeated the Bolshevik army and taken possession of Lutsk, according to a wireless message from Kiev to the Ukrainian committee here.

The fighting was extremely severe and the losses on both sides were heavy. Airplanes, the message added, greatly aided the Ukrainians in gaining the victory.

**SHUT OFF COAL
FOR 48 HOURS**

From Stores, Office Build-
ings and Factories in
Boston

**MAY EXTEND BAN
IF SHORTAGE LASTS**

No Buildings Were Closed,
but Some Were Not
Heated

Boston, Jan. 30.—The orders of the local fuel committee forbidding the delivery of coal to stores, office buildings and factories for 48 hours were enforced today. The ban may be extended unless the receipts of coal increase.

Some of the buildings which have depended on daily delivery of coal were unheated, but early in the day none were closed.

The decision to deny coal to office buildings was made at a conference between the Boston fuel committee and the New England fuel administration at the State House. Both committees were in telephonic communication with James J. Storrow, New England fuel administrator, who is in Washington, and secured his approval of the plan as a necessary measure.

Some coal arrived by rail yesterday, but the supply of coal by water, which has hitherto saved the city from famine, has failed. With coal carriers locked in the ice or stormbound along the coast and with the harbor choked with heavy fogs the fuel administrator said no immediate relief by water could be expected.

The order applies to factories with war contracts as well as to those without. The use of wood is not prohibited. Most of the department stores, it is understood, have fuel enough for a few more days.

The committee ordered that coal should be distributed only to the following:

To use for strictly governmental purposes, not including factories or plants working on contracts for the United States.

The water and sewage works serving Boston and certain other like essential public utilities.

"Shipping for bunker purposes.

Hospitals and similar institutions for the sick and infirm.

"Plants for the production or refrigeration of food, perishable or for necessary immediate consumption.

Homes, including dwelling houses, tenements, apartments, lodging houses, restaurants and hotels.

The committee forbade the use of anthracite of domestic sizes, even for essential purposes, where bituminous coal can possibly answer.

"Deliveries for the preferred purposes," the announcement said, "should not be made in greater lots than 48 hours' supply, or, in the case of domestic consumers, week's supply. No deliveries should be made to domestic consumers who have more than a week's supply on hand or to the other consumers who have more than 48 hours' supply on hand."

"The public should not confuse these orders with closing orders," the committee's announcement said in conclusion. "They do not directly close any thing. They simply forbid Boston retail dealers to supply coal for any use except those mentioned above. They may result in the closing of some places but are not closing orders as such."

SEIZED ALL SOFT COAL.

Haverhill, Mass., Fuel Board Will Dis-
tribute It.

Haverhill, Mass., Jan. 30.—The local fuel board yesterday afternoon seized all of the soft coal in the hands of the dealers, about 425 tons, and will distribute it to those concerns most in need.

The coal situation has reached a critical point. Factories, schools and even city hall may have to close.

The police were given orders to investigate any suspected case of hoarding of soft or hard coal.

The board ordered dealers to sell hard coal only in quarter and half-ton lots.

**SWEDEN WILL DENY
APPEAL FOR AID**

Finland Government Has Applied for
Military Assistance Against the
Revolutionists.

London, Jan. 30.—A Stockholm dispatch to The Times says the Finnish government has sent representatives to Sweden with an appeal for military help against the revolutionists. As far as it is possible to foresee, Sweden will not grant the request.

THEATRE "RATIONS."

To Prevent Ticket Speculation in Ger-
many.

Amsterdam, Jan. 30.—Theatre rations have now been introduced in Germany, and a discussion of the innovation is going on all over the country. The competition for seats at successful plays has become so keen that ticket speculators have been reaping a wonderful harvest.

In an attempt to curtail their operations without interfering with legitimate purchasers, several theatres have decided that henceforth no more than four tickets may be sold to one person.

**TO REPRESENT U. S.
IN GREAT BRITAIN**

Raymond B. Stevens and George Rublee,
Connected with the Shipping
Board.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 30.—Raymond B. Stevens, vice chairman of the shipping board, and George Rublee, of the board of legal staff, are to be sent to London as permanent representatives of the board.

**VERMONT'S QUOTA
IS OVERSUBSCRIBED**

The Exact Amount Is Not Known, but
Chairman Wright Says the
\$50,000 Is Raised.

Burlington, Jan. 30.—The official closing hour of the big drive for \$50,000 in Vermont for the Knights of Columbus war work is set at 10:30 to-night. Throughout the state there will be a gathering together of workers to begin the accurate tabulation of results, and in scores of places large meetings will be held to celebrate a success that is now positively assured.

At state headquarters here, State Chairman Wright said it is too early to take an estimate of the actual amount collected, but enough is known is the result to say that the \$50,000 fund has been more than raised. It is expected that in many of the best districts to-day will be one of the best of the canvass. In many districts nearby towns have become rivals for first honors, and it is not unlikely that substantial sums have been held for the 11th-hour report.

Realizing that every dollar that can be raised will be needed for the great work of the K. of C. organization, state headquarters urged every district manager to keep his teams active to the last minute and not to allow any let-up of effort because of quotas having been raised. In Montpelier, where the ground has been pretty thoroughly gone over, certain parts of the city are being worked again in the hope of materially increasing the funds now paid in. At last accounts the quota in that city was not quite raised, but a new and larger figure has been set as the goal of the local managers. Wallingford has passed the quota and is still working. Brattleboro has already reported \$2,837, and the original quota sought was \$2,262.

The final results of the campaign will be sent to the press from state headquarters just as soon as they can be completely tabulated. All local and district managers have been urged to turn in the complete reports as early as possible.

**GERMAN VESSELS
CARRY U. S. TROOPS**

Vaterland and 15 Others Are Engaged
in the Transportation.

With the American Army in France, Tuesday, Jan. 30. (By the Associated Press).—It was announced today that the total tonnage of former German steamships ready for service, most of which are now bringing men and material to France, was approximately 500,000. Among these, which already have arrived safely are the *Leviathan*, formerly the *Vaterland*, and 15 others of the largest German ships.

DYNAMITED A TRAIN.

Villa Led Attack in Which Many Peo-
ple Were Killed.

Juarez, Mex., Jan. 30.—More than 110 soldiers and passengers were killed by Villa followers Saturday, 25 miles south of Santa Rosalia, when the Villa troops dynamited a work train going to Rellano to repair the railroad line and remove debris of the passenger train which was robbed and burned there Wednesday. This information was received here last night from the south by a number of reliable persons and was not denied by the authorities.

Francisco Villa himself led the attack on the work train, according to reports. After killing all of the Mexican workmen and federal train guards, who fought for eight hours, the Villa followers proceeded to Santa Rosalia, where only 125 soldiers were stationed. They killed a number of these during the fighting, executed others and then looted the place.

Troops were sent out from Chihuahua City Sunday, but the Villa force had fled to the mountains. Many wounded and mutilated bodies were brought back to the state capital.

All train service between Chihuahua City and Torreon has been suspended because of the activities of the Villa bands.

AYER CLOSED TO SOLDIERS

If the Town Votes in Favor of Liquor
Licenses.

Ayer, Mass., Jan. 30.—Soldiers from Camp Devens will be forbidden to enter the limits of the town of Ayer if the town votes for license at its forthcoming annual meeting. Brig. Gen. William Weigel, acting commander of the canton, said last night. If it becomes necessary to enforce this ruling armed guards will be stationed at all approaches to the town from the camp and the soldiers arriving or leaving on trains will use the Camp Devens station only instead of the one in the town limits.

In a letter to the chairman of the board of selectmen last night, General Weigel said:

"I understand that the sale of liquor within the town of Ayer is shortly to be put to a vote. It is vitally this matter concerns this cantonment it is unnecessary for me to explain, but I desire to advise you that if the people of Ayer cannot keep liquor out of the town limits the military authorities can at least keep soldiers of this cantonment out of the town of Ayer. Such a step will be taken if the sale of liquor is allowed."

GAIN EXCEEDS LOSS.

United States Building Ships Much Fast-
er Than Losing Them.

New York, Jan. 30.—In the 12 months of unrestricted warfare launched against American and allied shipping by Germany one year ago Friday, there have been sunk by submarines, mines and raiders 9 American vessels, totalling 171,061 gross tons, according to a careful compilation of records of sinkings which have been made public during the period. Offsetting this loss of American vessels, most of which were sailing ships, the United States since Feb. 1 has added to her merchant marine by the seizure of former German and Austrian owned ships a total of 107 vessels having a gross tonnage of 608,494, leaving on the credit side of the American ledger in the account with the central powers, a net gain of 515,433 gross tons. The loss of life caused by the sinking of the 69 American ships was more than 300 persons, however.

**40 QUALIFIED
FOR SERVICE**

When Examined by the
Washington County
Board

**29 DISQUALIFIED
AT MONTPELIER**

Fine Lot of Men Were Ex-
amined by the Board
To-day

Forty men were passed, 29 were disqualified and three were held for special service when taken before the Washington county local board at Montpelier yesterday. To-day 120 more registrants were called to appear before the board, and it was remarked this noon that they were a specially fine class of fellows.

The men qualified yesterday were: John Clyde Gilman, Ernest Gilbert, William W. Joseph, Eli Bosley, James Alex Morgan, George Lillie, Alex McDonald, Gust. Ephraim Berg, Harley Powers, Harry Frank Colton, Ralph Palmer Chamberlain, Bert George Wright, Charles Hopkin Connors, Ray Earl DeLong, Carl Eugene Clifford, Sam Wilkes Nunn, Faust Bignamio, Louis Joseph Henry, Leonard Petrozelli, Nathan A. Copeland, Enrico Romano, Tracy John Coyne, Harry William Vassar, Henry Nelson Brown, Clifford L. Messer, Louis Jacques, John Bottaro, Donato Coletti, Pearl A. Blair, Peter Roberto, Morgan, Louis Joseph Nadeau, Pearl M. Cleveland, Ernest W. Anderson, Maurice Ulrich Alexander, Patrick Hannan Massie, Thomas Cordon Cromie, Ryland Dow Talley, Eraldo Mancini, Angelo V. Bottiggi, Giorgio Angelino.

Those Who Failed to Pass.

The following men failed to pass the examination: Warren Erwin Wilfore, Eddie William White, Louis Sassi, Henry Forrest Gray, Augustus Foster, Arthur Clyde Stockwell, Alfredo Lanfranco, George Frederick Venner, Benie J. Waterman, Edward Pelkey, Attilio Luongo, John Julius McHugh, Herman Franklin Smith, Robert Mark Kenniston, George Michael David, James Mackie, Horace Frederick Johnson, Peter Belanger, Charles S. Rowell, William Archie Kennedy, Leland Wisley, George William Wood, Eugene Joseph Boulter, Wendell Curtis Boardman, Edwin George Codering, Roderick McL. Summers, Michael Albert Finn, Richard Thomas Herbert, Germano Sartorelli.

The following were held for special service: John Howard Stone, Paul E. Simanton, James George Henry Jary.

**MEN IN OLD DRAFT
MAY VOLUNTEER**

Same Opportunity Offered Them That Is
Given the Men in the New Draft—
Capt. Gibson Got Seven Men
in This Vicinity.

Col. H. T. Johnson this morning received a telegram from the war department that those registrants who were in the old draft and who had not been called into service because of the new draft regulations may volunteer for service in the induction which is taking place in Vermont. The telegram was received by Col. Johnson at the top of the new list and until the message was received this morning had been reserved out of the number that can volunteer. They have passed all of their examinations; therefore were sure to go.

Capt. Gibson met with good success Tuesday, getting seven men from the local board. They were Frederick Ingles of Barre, Ernest Gilbert and Lawrence Halligan of Grantville, Henry Deslets and Harry White of Montpelier, L. J. Hedges and Paul Cleveland of Northfield.

In addition to these he received a message from Bennington that two of those in the new draft have enlisted and that three who are outside the draft have applied and will be examined. This morning he received a message from Morrisville that five in that town wanted to enlist. They are men who were in the old draft and had not been called.

An opinion of the attorney general was obtained Tuesday afternoon by Col. Johnson to the effect that those persons who enlist by volunteering in this drive will be treated like other volunteers and will be entitled to state pay of \$10 a month for a year.

Others who have enlisted are J. N. Boucher of Hartford, N. L. Sylvester of Northfield, John W. Moriarty of Montpelier, Stillman L. Stevens and Elmer E. Stevens of Northfield, H. A. Magoon of Barre Town, Foss L. Brown, Harry White (same name as previously reported, but different man), Royal Pierce and F. B. Wiley, whose residences were not announced.

INVALID SUFFOCATED.

Mias Verdella M. Prentiss, Aged 44, Died
in Fire in Her Home.

Oakland, Me., Jan. 30.—Mias Verdella M. Prentiss, aged 44, an invalid, was suffocated yesterday by a fire that started from a stove in her bedroom while she was unattended. Her father, William Prentiss, attempted to rescue her and was overcome by her sister, Mrs. Eugene Perry, crawled into the room and dragged her father and the body of Miss Prentiss from the burning chamber. The property damage was slight.

IN BARRE THURSDAY.

British and Canadian Recruiting Mission
Will Be Here.

Two representatives of the British and Canadian recruiting mission will be in Barre Thursday morning, ready to receive enlistments.

SENATOR HUGHES DEAD.

New Jersey Man Had Been Sick a Long
Time.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 30.—Senator Hughes of New Jersey died today after a long illness at a hospital here. He was born in Ireland in 1872.

EAST BARRE MAN BURNED

When Fire Broke Out from an Oil
Stove.

At East Barre last evening William McAllen, whose family occupies a tenement owned by Mrs. C. E. Bolster, lighted an oil stove in the upstairs hall for the purpose of heating two sleeping rooms. Some think the stove exploded. At any rate Frank Tucker, who lives on an adjoining lot, discerned the flames through a window and notified George Rock, a member of the East Barre fire department, who has a fire extinguisher in his home. Mr. Rock set out post-haste for the McAllen house, taking the extinguisher with him. Meanwhile Mr. Tucker notified the fire department. Meanwhile, too, the McAllens heard flames crackling in the second story, and Mr. McAllen ascended the house to investigate.

He saw the burning oil stove, seized it and hurled it down stairs. At the same moment his clothing took fire and he withdrew to another room to regain his breath. Mrs. McAllen saw her husband's plight and doused him with a pail of water. But not before his hair, his eyebrows and his moustache were badly burned and his hands painfully blistered. The family extinguished the fire, and when Mr. Rock and other members of the fire department arrived, the danger of a blaze had passed. The damage will be considerable, as the fire ruined the woodwork and wall paper and burned into a partition. Mr. McAllen's burns are not serious, although he suffers a good deal of pain.

**DEALING OUT SUGAR
IN HALF-POUND BAGS**

Barre's Card System of Distribution
Went Into Effect This Morning and
City Clerk's Office Was Beseiged
By Seekers for Cards.

The selling of sugar by card was begun in Barre today, and so far as one is able to observe, it is a great improvement over conditions existing the past two months. While there was some necessary waiting for cards at the city clerk's office because of the rush to secure them, there was no delay in securing sugar at the stores when once you had your card, and when all have once secured cards this first delay will be obviated.

When the stores of Barre opened this morning there was enough sugar in the city to give each person one-half a pound, and that will be the quota for all the balance of the week.

A few things for housekeepers to remember in connection with their sugar cards: Positively no sugar to anyone without a card. If you cannot get your sugar at the first store, go to the next one, or until you do get it; and you cannot get sugar without going to the store for it and taking your card with you.

At noon City Clerk Mackay stated that 255 cards had been issued and at the same hour there was a long queue of householders waiting to apply for cards. The office closed during the noon hour, but at 1:30 p. m. there were many waiting for the cards.

NO MANUFACTURING COAL.

According to Information to Vermont
Fuel Administration.

H. J. M. Jones, Vermont fuel administrator, has received the following telegram from James J. Storrow, New England fuel administrator, in reply to a telegram asking for shipment of coal to the Saxtons River woolen mill:

"Impossible for us to consign any coal to manufacturing concerns. Osgeod Bradley, Worcester, one hundred per cent ordinance department word closed. Several large American woolen mills closed. We have no coal in sight we can consign to any manufacturing concern."

Gov. Graham, upon his return from Washington, D. C., about a month ago, following the conference with Administrator Garfield, foretold the condition which has developed. At that time Gov. Graham told the people of Vermont they must commence cutting wood. Some have followed his advice, but for the most part they have not done so, with the result that the conditions are growing worse and no coal, as is seen by the above telegram, can be obtained for industries.

In a short time, it was predicted this morning in the fuel office, coal stored for industrial purposes, which will not be at once needed, will be commandeered for domestic purpose and like necessary purposes. The atmosphere about the fuel administrator's office this morning with the receipt of the above telegram was far from cheerful.

HEWITT RE-APPOINTED.

To State Board of Education—Thomas
Magner to Board of Charities.

Governor Graham has re-appointed Arthur W. Hewitt of Plainfield, a clergyman, and well known legislator, a member of the state board of education for the term of five years, beginning Feb. 1, 1918. Mr. Hewitt is a Democrat. Mr. Hewitt has served as superintendent of schools in Glover and in Plainfield. In recent years, Rev. Mr. Hewitt has become a widely recognized authority on the rural school.

Mr. Hewitt will represent Vermont at the conference on rural education, under the direction of the United States commissioner of education, to be held in Washington, Feb. 20 to 23.

Gov. Graham has also re-appointed Thomas Magner of Burlington a member of the board of charities and probation, for the term of five years, beginning Feb. 1. From the creation of the board last June, Mr. Magner has manifested an active interest in the work, especially in the proper care of dependent and neglected children. The state pays actual expenses, but no salaries for these positions.

VERMONT BAPTISTS GAIN.

Several Bequests to Them in Will of Late
Silas A. Isley.

New York, Jan. 30.—Substantial bequests to institutions and clergymen of the Baptist denomination in Vermont were made in the will of Silas A. Isley of Middlebury, formerly of this city, filed for probate here yesterday. Mr. Isley, who died at Middlebury Jan. 7, left an estate valued at more than \$200,000. To the Vermont Baptist state convention, Burlington, was left \$50,000; memorial Baptist church, Middlebury, \$25,000; Rev. Dr. Roy E. Whitmore, Middlebury, \$3,000, and Rev. Wm. A. Davidson, Burlington, \$3,000.

**\$2.80 TAX RATE
SEEMS LIKELY**

Although the City Council Is
Using Pruning Hook
Vigorously

**LARGER SCHOOL TAX
THOUGHT INEVITABLE**

Final Budget Yet Com-
pleted, but Other Reports
Are Nearly All In

Even judicious use of the pruning knife and the proposed inauguration of a policy of strict retrenchment are not going to keep the tax rate down this year. At the regular meeting of the board of aldermen last evening and after an executive session in which the 1918 budget was examined most critically, the administration virtually decided that a \$2.80 tax will be necessary to tide over the municipality for another year. Thus the privilege of living in Barre joins the upward flight of the times, for the tax rate a year ago was only \$2.60, and in the preceding year \$2.40. The recommendation for a levy of \$2.80 is not official, as the finance committee has not put the finishing touches to the budget, and its recommendations are not all in yet.

Nevertheless, the committee, after canvassing the situation pretty thoroughly